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## **KENTUCKY STATE NATURE PRESERVES COMMISSION TO MEET** *Two dedications and hike on Pine Mountain scheduled*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 1, 2007) – The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) will conduct its next quarterly public meeting at 3 p.m. EDT on June 13 in the Ray Harm Room of Pine Mountain State Park in Harlan County. Information is available by calling 502-573-2886.

Included on the agenda are two dedications and four additions to the state nature preserves, notably a 600-acre expansion of the Pine Mountain Trail State Park Nature Preserve.

A hike through a portion of the Pine Mountain State Nature Preserve will begin at 9 a.m. EDT on June 14. The hike will be led by KSNPC Ecologist Marc Evans and will last about an hour.

KSNPC's mission is to protect Kentucky's natural heritage by: (1) identifying, acquiring and managing natural areas that represent the best-known occurrences of rare native species, natural communities and significant natural features in a statewide nature preserve system; (2) working with others to protect biological diversity; and (3) educating Kentuckians about the value and purpose of nature preserves and biodiversity conservation. The commission inventories Kentucky for significant natural areas and protects the best examples in the statewide nature preserve system.

The meeting facility is accessible to people with disabilities. KSNPC will provide, upon request, reasonable accommodations, including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all programs and activities. To make special arrangements, contact Leslie Isaman at KSNPC by June 8 at (502) 573-2886 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. EDT.

More information about the commission can be obtained by mail (KSNPC, 801 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Ky. 40601-1403), by telephone (502-573-2886) or via Internet ([www.naturepreserves.ky.gov](http://www.naturepreserves.ky.gov)).

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